

**Program Coordination Team
Meeting Summary
June 11, 1997**

The June meeting of the PCT was held June 11, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Introduction

Objective of meeting: to update PCT on work groups and technical teams; to provide issue discussion.

Item 1 - Status of Impact Analysis

The impact analysis teams have completed drafts (existing conditions, no action, some work on alternatives -- without incorporation of operations flows information yet).

- Between July 1-16, the PCT will receive many of the 22 impact analysis reports. Impact analysis will be a major topic at the July 15 PCT meeting.
- By August 1, the full 22 reports should have been completed.
- CALFED to send out a memo with a checklist of what's available for review (some may not be interested in every area).

ERPP Status:

- Volume I (summary) goes to printer June 13; expected to be distributed in June (PCT members already have an administrative draft).
- Volume II (visions for ecological zones) was distributed as administrative draft in late May; revised draft available no earlier than July 1.
- Volume III (adaptive management; indicators; focused research) draft to be released later in July. There will be a 45-day review period for all three documents following the release of Volume III.
- Visions for special plants and plant communities are being added to Volumes I and II.

Item 2 - Report on Water Transfers Work Group

- BDAC announced a Water Transfers Work Group on May 22; to develop policy framework; will not be buttoned up by this fall.
- Some years we'll be water supply limited. We need to choose a target, and set up rules based on the target. Guidelines for those who proposed transfers.
- Concern that the ERPP could use up all the water by itself.
- Judy Kelly urged those with specific concerns to be represented on the Transfers Agency Group.

Item 3 - Habitat Conservation Plan

Mary Scoonover gave presentation on a process working from the specific to the general in developing a habitat conservation for particular species. The concept is to work on an HCP (or HCPs) for the preferred alternative and common programs. Not clear how this would affect existing biological opinions. Tie-in with CEQA needed, but not yet worked out.

- Frank Piccola to be lead, Mary working with him.
- Will address common programs, but not the storage & conveyance variations.
- ERPP will be included in HCP, but HCP also looks at other areas not included in ERPP -- HCP should be inclusive of all Program activities.
- HCP focuses on actions/effects not only on species, but also on habitats.
- Anyone interested in attending focused meetings, contact Mary or Frank to get on list. General information will be sent out to PCT liaisons.
- HCP Assurances linked to other assurances; how they relate still unclear.

Item 4 - Summary of Agency Comments on 17 Alternatives (due Friday, June 6)

- CALFED had requested to receive comments from Agencies by June 6.
- By the June 11 PCT meeting, CALFED had received comments from DFG and USBR; USFWS had provided comments informally; comments were pending from USEPA and the Corps.
- By end of June, the list of 17 alternatives will be narrowed to 12-13 (initial screening, based on meeting solution principles). CALFED Program to distribute rationale for narrowing.
- By late August, impact analysis information received in July and August will be used to reduce the alternatives to 6-8.
- Agencies were asked to expedite comments.

Item 6 - RFP Status

- The Request For Proposals document will be mailed out on Friday, June 16. This starts a six-week submittal schedule, with proposals due on or before July 28.
- July 3 there will be a public workshop to field questions.
- Kate Hansel will send a memo to agencies via PCT liaisons regarding protocols in providing information and guidance to applicants (the process is under contract law -- no grant authority in Proposition 204).
- Kate is also soliciting participants for technical review panels (adequacy of RFP according to criteria) and integration panels (judgments regarding prioritizing qualified applications). Liaisons should let her know if she should go through one contact person at their agencies.
- CALFED Program can't reimburse agencies for staff time spent on panels.

Item 7 - Agency Comments on Actions Included in No Action/Existing Conditions

- Documents listing projects and policies/assumptions proposed for existing conditions and future no action were mailed out June 9. Going to Policy Group on July 2.
- There appears to be no controversy regarding criteria for the two scenarios; also, the projects elicited little comment.
- Assumptions (e.g., aspects of CVPIA) are another matter, and will be discussed at a PCT ad hoc meeting on June 19. PCT comments on assumptions requested by June 25.
- Ad hoc scheduled changed: June 12--alternatives; June 19--Assumptions section of Existing Conditions/No Action; June 26--Full package, Existing Conditions/No Action.

Item 8 - San Joaquin Water Quality Issue Paper (carried over from last month)

- Only one issue remains unresolved re San Joaquin Water Quality policy. Although land retirement is a means of controlling selenium, whether it should be considered for salinity control is disputed.
- Revised draft of issue paper by July 15 PCT meeting.
- Rick Woodard requested comments by June 17.

Item 9 - Update on Watershed Program Planning

- Judy Heath gave overview of May 29 meeting in Auburn. Opportunity for CALFED to coordinate activities of local, state and federal watershed programs, as well as provide technical assistance to local agencies. Note: Coordination would not preclude responsibility or authority of individual agencies.
- CALFED soliciting reactions to the draft Framework distributed at the May PCT meeting.

Item 5 - CALFED Post-Processing Operations Model Results and Operations Plan

- Mark Cowin gave an overview of surface storage water supply evaluations conducted with the CALFED Post-Processing Spreadsheet Operations Model. This work is documented in two technical reports that are available to interested parties.
- Mark also gave an update on proposed modeling assumptions for Existing Conditions/No Action Alternative, and the Program Alternatives. No Action modeling assumptions related to implementation of CVPIA (b)(2) water remain unresolved.
- DWRSIM is being modified to allow simulation of ERPP flows, including operation of a portion of new storage and acquisition of water supplies for ERPP flow targets.
- A Modeling Team Meeting will be held on June 25 in the Resources Building Auditorium. Updates will be provided on various modeling activities. Although the meeting will be technical in nature, it will be open to the public.

Other business:

- Next PCT meeting is Tuesday, July 15.
- Victor Pacheco will be lead on System Integrity Program, working with Lynn O'Leary.
- Judy Kelly and Steve Yaeger to attend Western Water Policy meeting in Sausalito -- Judy speaking on CALFED.